Amendments of the Claims:

A detailed listing of all claims in the application is presented below. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. All claims being currently amended are submitted with markings to indicate the changes that have been made relative to immediate prior version of the claims. The changes in any amended claim are being shown by strikethrough (for deleted matter) or underlined (for added matter).

1. (Original): A method of producing parts from powdered metal comprising the steps of:

    a) providing a metallurgic powder comprising iron, 0-0.6 weight percent carbon, 0.5-5.0 weight percent silicon, 0.5-6.0 weight percent nickel, 0.5-1.5 weight percent molybdenum, 0-0.7 weight percent manganese, and 12-20 weight percent chromium, the weight percentages calculated based on the total weight of the powder;

    b) compressing the metallurgic powder at a pressure of 35 to 65 tsi to provide a green compact; and

    c) heating the compact in an atmosphere to a temperature of 2100°F to 2400°F for 20 to 90 minutes, such that microstructure of the compact has a duplex phase or a single phase, the duplex phase having both ferritic and austenitic phases and the single phase having only a ferritic phase.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the parts are rings used in a variable turning geometry turbocharger.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of compressing the metallurgic powder produces a compact with a density of 6.0g/cc to 7.0 g/cc.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the atmosphere in which the compact is heated is selected from the group consisting of:

    a) H2;

b) N2/H2; and

c) vacuum.